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Once more we pause at the beginning of a new school year, to tell you of the new students, of the new positions held by graduates new and older, and to give you news of staff and graduate friends. The school is bigger than ever this year with thirty-four seniors and twenty-nine juniors. The juniors come from every province in the Dominion except Saskatchewan. (Saskatchewan is represented in the senior class.) From British Columbia come Jill Cavenagh of Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island and Ursula Forbes of Chemainus, Thetis Island; from Alberta we have Pauline Seller of Edmonton; Manitoba gives us Jean Finch of Winnipeg. Ontario is largely represented this year. There is Betty Craigie of Fort William, Margaret Drummond of Petrolia, Mary Shirton of Waterford, Ruth Scott of Welland, Anne Thomson of Niagara Falls, Nancy Gray, Barbara Halliday, Frances Kitchen, Florence Riley, Elizabeth Seccombe, Peggy Stewart and Gwynneth Thompson, all of Toronto, Evelyn Tindale of Hamilton, Norma Hansen of Brockville and Mary Thompson of Ottawa. Quebec is represented by Nancy McKean of Montreal and Betty Denovan of Asbestos. From New Brunswick we have Jean King of Fredericton, Sheila Ryan of Bathurst and Phyllis Gale of Rothesay; from Prince Edward Island, Anna Hughes of Charlottetown, and from Nova Scotia, Lois Creighton of Dartmouth and Eva Campbell of Halifax. Then to make our school really quite cosmopolitan we have Joyce O'Neill from England and Joan Fawcett from India.

NEW POSITIONS AND CHANGES:

Y.W.C.A.'s

Halifax, N.S.
Saint John, N.B.
Toronto, Ont.
Hamilton, Ont.
Quebec, P.Q. (Assistant)
Regina, Sask.
Hamilton, Ont. (Assistant)
Moncton, N.B.
Quebec, P.Q.
Moose Jaw, Sask.
Winnipeg, Man. (Assistant)
Kitchener, Ont.

Katharine Cumming '40
Phyllis Dean '38
Margaret Dunning '36
Helen Hurd '36
Margaret Jess '38
Jess Loaring '39
Peggy May '40
Jessie McGibbon '40
Jean Mooney '31
Jean Morrison '40
Bretta Powles '35
Margaret Ross '38

Private Schools

Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont.
Ottawa Ladies' College, Ottawa
Edgehill School for Girls, Windsor, N.S.
Riverbend School, Winnipeg, Man.
Havergal College, Toronto
Crofton House School, Vancouver, B.C.
Loretto Day School, Toronto
Halifax Ladies' College, Halifax, N.S.
Taunton House School, Vancouver, B.C.
St. Hilda's School, Calgary, Alberta
St. Helen's School, Dunham, Que.
King's Hall, Compton, Que.

Anh Bartlet '40
Elizabeth Bleakney '40
Marjorie Leonard '38
Dorothy Lowman '36
Barbara McArel '36
Jean Meredith '40
Shirley Muddiman '39
Gwynneth Schenk '38
Kathleen Staples '40
Cecilie Swanson '40
Maryon Weiss '40
Mary Elizabeth Wright '37

Government Schools

Ontario Training School, Galt
Oakwood Collegiate Institute
(Substitute for one year)

Mary Adams '34
Doris Weston '33

Student Teachers

Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ont.
Holy Names College and St. Mary's Academy

Ruth Corner '39
Marjorie Martin '38

Settlements

East End Day Nursery, Toronto
St. Christopher House, Toronto
Central Neighborhood House, Toronto

Diana Cameron '40
Mary Walker '40
Peggy Wilkin '40

WHERE THE STUDENTS OF 1939-40 WORKED FOR PART OR ALL OF THE SUMMER:

Windsor, Ont., playground	A. Bartlet
Glen Bernard Camp	E. Bleakney
Rotary Camp, Bolton; East End Day Nursery, Toronto	D. Cameron
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp for girls, Alberta	F. Greenway
Samaritan Club Camp, Jackson's Point	M. Lunan
Camp Ouareau in the Laurentians	J. MacMillan
Camp Memphremagog, Quebec	J. McGibbon
Summit Lake Camp, N.Y. (New York Y.W.C.A. Camp)	J. Meredith
The Gables, Barrie (Central Neighborhood House)	E. Seixas
St. Christopher House (Camp and City)	M. Walker
Treaty Point Camp, Lake of the Woods	M. Weiss
The Gables, Barrie	P. Wilkin
C.G.I.T. Camp, Alberta	R. Woodsworth
The Hole-in-the-Hedge, Meadowvale, Ont.	B. Anderson
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	J. Bertram
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	D. Buck
Treaty Point Camp	E. Cranston
Treaty Point Camp	M. Davis
Kamp Ko-Vu, Nova Scotia	G. Dickson
Camp Orendaga, London Y.W.C.A. Camp	J. Fellowes
Hastings Lodge, Bolton	L. Graham
Rainbow Haven (Fresh Aid Camp) Nova Scotia	A. Hatt
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	R. Hill
Camp Orendaga	A. Hutson
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp	A. Jackson
C.G.I.T. Camp, Moose Jaw, Sask.	N. Johnson
Kiwanis Club Camp, Brantford; Moorlands, Lake Simcoe	B. Jones
Camp Dryades, Lake Simcoe	J. Kennedy
Camp Oconto	D. Leggett
Swimming Pool, Dartmouth, N.S.	J. MacIntosh
Glen Bernard Camp	L. Mackenzie
London, Ont., playground	S. Macklin
Camp Howell, Bolton	A. Manning
Camp Tanamakoon	B. Marshall
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	A. McDougall
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	R. Milne
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp	K. Mitchell
Camp Centennial, Lake Simcoe	J. Ottewell

Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	S. Shoebottom
Hamp KO-Ku, N.S.	Elise Smyth
Vancouver, B.C., playground	Mary Sovereign
Camp Koolaree, B.C.	Helen Staples
Guide Camp, Sydney, N.S.	Bette Thomas
Kiwanis Club Camp, Brantford	Dorothy Walker
- Camp Owaissa, Hamilton Y.W.C.A. Camp	Elinor Wallace
Holiday House, Centre Island; Sparrow	Blanche Wellman
Lake Camp; Samaritan Club Camp	

The long discussed change in the entrance requirements of The Margaret Eaton School has been made this year. Our calendar sent out in June announced that beginning in September 1941 students would be admitted only with Upper School standing, or its equivalent.

We believe that this is the time to launch this improvement successfully. It has been advised by our Alumnae Council, by our administrative and teaching staff, and by our friends in the University of Toronto. It will make our course equivalent in length to that of the similar course in McGill University.

While it may prevent a few promising candidates from entering the profession, it will on the whole vastly improve our output. This will be true not only because the graduate will have that extra year of education as a part of her equipment, but because with the additional year of study and maturity the student will benefit more from our own course of study. Also, the graduate who wishes to study further will be able to enter a university which has this higher requirement, or be a year nearer her degree if she studies in a university with junior matriculation entrance.

I hope that all of our graduates will be sympathetic with this change and will encourage promising young women to complete their senior matriculation in order to enter The Margaret Eaton School.

-Florence A. Somers

A SUMMER AT NATIONAL CAMP

For those of you who would like to widen your experience in camping and education in ideal surroundings, I should like to recommend a summer at National Camp, Sussex New Jersey.

National Camp is one of the four camps sponsored by Life Magazine, known as Life Camps. Two of the camps are for boys and one for girls. Most of the campers are underprivileged children from New York City, although a few of them are paying campers. The fourth and latest addition to Life Camps is National Camp, which is a camp for advanced leadership training. It offers a six weeks course given in co-operation with New York University. Those taking the course for credits are allowed six points. National Camp is on Lake Mashipacony in the Kittatinny Mountains, in a very wild and lovely part of the country. It had its beginning in July 1940, and it was very thrilling to be one of the first campers at a camp which shows promise of taking a very prominent part in American camping by working out a kind of education which will pre-

pare youth more adequately for the changing world of the future. The director of the four camps is Dr. L. S. Sharp who has been experimenting with the decentralized camp for some years in all three Life Camps. Some of you will remember hearing Dr. Sharp speak at the April meeting of the Canadian Camping Association in Toronto.

The plan carried out in Life Camps appears to be most successful. The interest, spirit of adventure, and co-operation among the campers were quite obvious. The fundamental points in this kind of camping are: (1) Living in small groups rather than taking part in mass activities. (2) A return to the more primitive type of camping. Adequate shelter and tools are provided, and the campers do everything else to make living in the out of doors comfortable and enjoyable. Activities which are done in the city have no part in this programme, but crafts and construction from natural materials are encouraged a great deal.

The campers live in groups of six or seven with two counsellors who are with the group most of the time. They have their little camp out in the woods away from the main dining room and lodge. The sleeping shelters are of various types, and are frequently designed and built by the children, more especially in the Boys Camps. Some were Indian tepees, some covered wagons, some Adirondack shelters, and some covered sleds. In this camp they built fire places of very original designs, eating table and benches, and a shelter and cupboard for kitchen equipment. There was a very complete set of tools in each of these little camps, and they acquired an appreciation of these tools as they learned to use them. Each camp had a small council fire where they gathered every night for pow-wow after they were ready for bed. During these pow-wows they planned their programme, discussed menus, told stories, read poetry and sang. It seemed that adjustment in this small group would be much easier for a child than in a very large group. Through her own particular responsibilities, which contributed to the welfare of the group, she soon felt herself to be a necessary part of it. They built all kinds of unique things and were excellent cooks. The group decided when they would cook their meals out and when they would eat in the dining room, with the exception of a few meals which were always eaten with the whole camp. There were a number of occasions on which they met with the whole camp or with other groups. The spare counsellors and director visited each group frequently. The success of this kind of camping depends very greatly upon the leadership. More is required of each counsellor than in the average centralized camp.

At National Camp, we carried through the small camp idea as much as possible, but with so much to cover in six weeks, we could not cook out as frequently. We lived in covered sleds, a sort of covered wagon on runners which was very dry and comfortable. It held two people. Like the campers, we erected kitchen shelters and fireplaces and cooked some meals there.

We had very interesting lecturers from all over the country who dealt with the various phases of camp administration and the decentralized plan. Dr. William C. Vinal was with us during the whole course and his exploration trips and talks were a great treat. Then too, we took part in much of the programme of all the Life Camps, so that we were able to observe the campers in a natural way rather than as visitors. We had many trips to other camps and to interesting places in New Jersey.

There were thirty-four at National Camp, all a lot of fun and most interesting people. They were especially nice to the one foreigner from Canada. Altogether, it was a very happy summer and a grand opportunity for sharing the ideas of fifteen different states and one other country, with people who enjoy living in the out of door

BADMINTON HOUR

for

M. E. S. . ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS

Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m.

Group I: Oct. 9 - Nov. 27

Group II: Jan. 10 - Feb. 28

A registration fee of \$2.00 will be charged for the eight weeks. Players will be expected to supply their own racquets and birds. Groups will be limited to twelve. Dorothy Jackson has offered to be there to help beginners.

NEWS - via The Mailbag and The Grapevine, and Just Plain News:

Miss Somers spent a happy summer at her cottage on Cape Cod. (Be sure to read this month's issue of the American Journal of Health and Physical Education, with its account of the 1940 awards.)

Miss Hamilton had the misfortune to break her shoulder in a motor accident on her way down from camp this month. She is improving and is as cheerful as ever.

We are very sorry to report that Marion Hobday Allen has been ill and will not be able to teach the dance to our students this year.

Dorothy Jackson '27 is back on the job once more, full of enthusiasm after her months of study in New York.

Shirley Naylor '37 of our staff, spent the summer at the University of Wisconsin. Other M.E.S.-ers there were Dorothy Lowman '36, Mary Elizabeth Wright '37 and Katharine Cumming '40.

Miss Flora Gray, for a number of years our very efficient and popular pianist as well as staff adviser of the Music Club, was married on July 27th to Mr. Howard Campbell. They are living at Waterdown, Ontario, where Mr. Campbell teaches.

Graduates who were at the school from 1932-36 will be interested in news of the marriage of Elizabeth Stevens, who was on the office staff during those years. She married on April 27th, Gunner Harold Finney, now overseas.

Katharine Aitken '25, (Mrs. Eric Lloyd) is home from England with her two children, and is with relatives in Newcastle, N.B.

Dorothy Alger '25 (Mrs. John Villetorte) is a French citizen thro her marriage, and lives at Salles-Gironde, Bordeaux. In excerpts from one of her letters which appeared in the "Between You and Me" column of the Toronto Telegram in July, she told of having seventeen extra in her family, twelve of them Belgian refugees. When she wrote, food rationing had been most strict for months.

Dorothy Allen '27, dropped in one day in late August. She spent part of the summer as swimming instructor at Camp Otoeke, a young people's camp in the Laurentians.

Bessie Bunker Barrett'28, with her small daughter Elsie, has moved to Temiskaming, Quebec, where her husband is a teacher of woodwork, metal work and drafting.

Kay Bird '37, is starting a studio of the modern dance in Winnipeg this fall.

Vernona Brigden '36, was married in Toronto on August 17th to Mr. Clayton E.

Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are living at 166 Eastbourne Avenue, Toronto.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary Barker '25 in the death of her mother in the early summer. Mrs. Barker will be very much missed.

Frances Caisley '28, has spent the past two summers at Camp Kearsage, and is most enthusiastic about it. She says: "Camp Kearsage is owned and operated by Miss Helen C. Culin of Elkin Park, Pa. The location is beautiful among the pines two miles from Naples, Maine, on Long Lake. Campers are Jewish girls, ages eleven to seventeen, and very carefully selected. The camp enrollment is limited to fifty and always filled. Miss Culin does not advertise the camp. The director and counsellors are Gentiles, and a happier group would be hard to find. We have a third of each day free. Miss Culin bought for the counsellors four nice new bicycles this summer, which were much enjoyed.

Frances Christie '39, was in charge of the girls' section of Camp Ongiara (a three-week period) at Doe Lake this summer.

Barbara Claxton '32, was married on August 10th to Mr. J.W. Fisher. They are living at 63 Charles Street East, and Barbara is continuing her work at the West End Y.W.C.A.

Marjorie Culbert '29 was married June 26th in Rio de Janiero to Mr. Andrew Royal. Her address is Caixa, Postal 174, Rio de Janiero, Brazil, S. A.

Molly Dallas '38, was married in July to Mr. William E. Fess, who is with the Canadian Force in Newfoundland.

It is nice to see Mary Adams '34, again after her three years in England. She evidently has enjoyed her work there very much, even the last "war" year.

Margaret Davison '39, was married on Saturday, September 21st to Mr. Whiting Lathrop of Welland. Rhoda Wood '29, was her bridesmaid.

Helen Edmunds '37, was married recently to Mr. Eric Roddick of the R.C.A.F.

Anne Ross Thompson '34, gave a shower in June in honour of her classmates, Norah Gauld and Flora Secord, brides-to-be. Each was presented with half a dozen lovely coffee cups and saucers; the wrappings, which were most attractive, were heirlooms (?) from Anne's own wedding.

Jane Ferguson '39, was married on August 5th to Mr. Harry Christie of Camp Franklin. They will be living at the camp. Jane was a welcome caller last Saturday when she told us their plans for the winter. They expect a big camp for the Thanksgiving week-end, and her husband hopes to open his hunting lodge for the hunting season.

Shigeko Hasegawa '39, writes that she is very much better and she hopes that it will not be very long before she is able to put on a gym. tunic once more.

Three of our graduates have decided to take up nursing. Hilda Smith '36, has gone to train at the Hamilton General Hospital, Muriel Sinclair '36 has entered the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and Joan Brown '39, the Toronto General.

Norah Gauld '34, was married in August to Mr. Arthur W. Wistow of the Bell Telephone Co., Toronto. They are living at 67 Douglas Crescent.

Dorte Glahn '33, took a course at Mills College, California, this summer.

Phyllis Harmill Mansley '36, has been very ill since May but is now improving.

Mona Harper '37 was married the sixth of August to Dr. Louis Charbonnet Jr.

We sympathize with Barbara Heseltine Osborn '33, and with Rosemary Heseltine of last year's class, in the death of their mother, who died in Japan early in July.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Eleanor Keyes '36, in the death of her father on July 8.

A letter from Fan Lee '39, received a few weeks ago, tells of her experiences in the hospital in Hong Kong where she has been taking the necessary practical training of a war-time nurse during her holidays. These are difficult times for Fan, but her sense of humour is always in evidence in her letters.

Netta Morrison Kennedy '36 and Mr. Kennedy announce the birth of their second daughter, Patricia Margaret. She arrived just too late to go in the June News Letter!

Louise Proctor Hooper '36, is living with her mother at 248 Heath Street West while Captain Hooper is overseas. Louise has joined the Canadian Women's Service Force.

Margaret Ryan Robertson '31, and Laura Kwan '38, were both counsellors at the Vancouver Y.W.C.A. camp on Galiano Island this summer, Peter as sports director and Laura as handicraft counsellor.

Jean Taylor '32 was married in August to Mr. W. F. Garner of St. Catharines.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Wood (Ellie Sovereign '36) on July 9th, a daughter.

Patty Sterne '39, was married on September 21st to Mr. E.F.S. Sanders of St. Thomas.

Jean Thomis '38 was sports counsellor this summer in Bunny Camp at Oolahwan, the Montreal Y.W.C.A. camp in the Laurentians. We asked Jean to write about some special occasion in their camp: "Every camp has its "Keeping the Place Tidy" problems. Oolahwan determined to make a special effort the day before "Parent's Day"..... Hiram and Esmireldie, (two of the counsellors), famous at Oolahwan, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year. Shortly after that, Esmireldie fell and injured her knee and so was unable to carry on her housekeepin' activities. When spring cleanin' time came around, Hiram told all the townspeople at Oolahwan about this misfortune, and as how they were expectin' a lot of folks in to visit them, and he wondered, if maybe to surprise Esmireldie, they wouldn't like to come to her aid and clean up the place.....The response was amazing--all camp turned out. Intermediates and Seniors worked in funny and Junior Circle; Juniors in Senior Circle--sweeping and tidying; Bunnies cleaned was basins and jugs with real "Old Dutch", and picked up papers--each had some specific task. While the work was in progress a band of troubadours wandered about inspiring all to greater effort with their songs. In less than an hour, the camp was a thing of great beauty and cleanliness."

Elspeth Wilson '37, was married in June to Mr. Ronald Emmett of Toronto. They are living at 1465 King Street west. Elspeth has been director of sports at the Samaritan Club Camp, Jackson's Point, this summer, and this month is teaching archery and canoeing to our students.

Phyllis Wray '37, was married recently to Mr. George Barratt of Halifax. Phyllis is continuing her work as Physical Director for women at Dalhousie University.

Just as we are ready to go to press, reports have come in of two more marriages; Ruth Hamilton '31 to Mr. Brian Upjohn, and Marjorie Fraser '39 to Captain Cliff Aimbridge.



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